# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LAW AND JUSTICE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:500
ANSWERED ON:09.07.2004
POLITICAL RIGHTS TO TAMANG AND LIMBAS
Subba Shri Moni Kumar

**Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether despite passing of the Constitution SC/ST Order (Second Amendment) Act, 2002 recognising Tamangs and Limbas as Tribals of Sikkim, the persons belonging to these Tribes were not allowed to fight elections to the reserved Assembly Constituencies during the recent Legislative Assembly polls;

(b) if so, the reasons for such continuing discriminations against the Tamangs and Limbas;

(c) whether another Legislation is to be brought for granting their political right as tribals; and

(d) if so, by when?

## Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)As per the provisions of sub-section (1A) of section 7 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, there is no separate reservation of seats for the Scheduled Tribes in the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim other than the reservation provided in that section for Sikkimese of Bhutia-Lepcha origin.

(c)No, Sir. The Ministry of Home Affairs, which is administratively concerned with the subject of composition of the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim, has informed that at present there is no proposal to bring any legislation either to increase the seats in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly or to make Tamangs and Limboos communities eligible to stand for elections against twelve seats reserved for Bhutia and Lepchas in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

(d)Does not arise.